

Remarks

Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 36, and 39 to 42 are in the application. Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 36, and 39 to 42 have been made the subject of a restriction requirement. Claims 22, 23, 33, and 34, are cancelled.

Restriction Requirement

Applicants traverse the restriction. While the groups identified may be distinct, they are not independent because they arose from the same research effort and terms for one group will necessarily be shared with other groups. Therefore, doing searches on these groups combined would not be a significant burden on the Examiner. Nevertheless, in the interest of advancing the prosecution of this case, Applicants wish to make a provisional election of Group I, claims 1-4, 6-21, and 39-42.

Applicants are further required to select a single disclosed species to which the claims would be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. Upon review of the Detailed Action provided by the Examiner, the specification, and the pending claims, the Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the species of Immunogen 1 (SEQ ID NO. 10). The elected species reads on each of the pending claims. The Applicants believe this election is a complete and proper response to the Office Action.

The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the canceled claims, the claims to non-elected inventions, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification. If it would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to confer with the Applicants' undersigned attorney. If any additional fees or charges are required by this paper the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit account 19-2570 accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jason C. Fedon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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